

**Table C-1**  
**Official toasts—Continued**

UKRAINE	His Excellency, the President of Ukraine
UNITED KINGDOM	Her Majesty, the Queen
VENEZUELA	His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Venezuela

## Appendix D

### Precedence List

#### D-1. Individual precedence

Rank or precedence of individual persons for official purposes is listed in table D-1.

#### D-2. Use of precedence

Precedence order is followed for seating arrangements.

**Table D-1**  
**Precedence list of civilian and military persons**

VIP code	Official
<b>VIP code: 1</b>	
1	PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
2	HEADS OF STATE/REIGNING ROYALTY
<b>VIP code: 2 (four-star equivalent)</b>	
3	VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
4	GOVERNORS IN OWN STATE (SEE #42)
5	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6	CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
7	FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
8	U.S. AMBASSADORS WHEN AT POST
9	SECRETARY OF STATE
10	PRESIDENT, UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (IN SESSION)
11	SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
12	PRESIDENT, UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NOT IN SESSION)
13	ACCREDITED AMBASSADORS OF FOREIGN POWERS
14	WIDOWS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS
15	ACCREDITED FOREIGN MINISTERS AND ENVOYS
16	ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
17	RETIRED CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
18	RETIRED ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
19	SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
20	SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
21	THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
22	SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
23	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
24	SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
25	SECRETARY OF LABOR
26	SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
27	SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
28	SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
29	SECRETARY OF ENERGY
30	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
31	SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
32	DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
33	U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS (IN SESSION) (SEE #58)
34	ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
35	U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
36	DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
37	CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS
38	CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
39	PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE
40	UNITED STATES SENATORS (BY SENIORITY; WHEN EQUAL, BY ALPHA)
41	FORMER UNITED STATES SENATORS (BY DATE OF RETIREMENT)
42	GOVERNORS WHEN NOT IN OWN STATE (BY STATE DATE OF ENTRY; WHEN EQUAL, BY ALPHA) (SEE #4)
43	ACTING HEADS OF CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENTS
44	FORMER VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES

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## Precedence list of civilian and military persons—Continued

45	UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (BY SENIORITY; WHEN EQUAL, BY AL- PHA)
46	FORMER CONGRESSMAN (BY DATE OF RETIREMENT)
47	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
48	GUAM DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
49	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
50	AMERICAN SAMOA DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51	RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FROM PUERTO RICO
52	ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
53	ASSISTANTS AND COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
54	CHARGES D'AFFAIRES OF FOREIGN POWERS
55	FORMER SECRETARIES OF STATE
56	FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET
57	DEPUTY SECRETARIES AND UNDER SECRETARIES (WHEN DEPUTY SECRETARY EQUIVALENT) OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS (NUMBER TWO POSITION)
58	U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS (NOT IN SESSION) (SEE #33)
59	DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
60	SOLICITOR GENERAL
61	ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
62	DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
63	DIRECTOR, U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY
64	UNDER SECRETARIES OF STATE AND COUNSELS
65	UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS (NUMBER THREE POSI- TION)
66	U.S. AMBASSADORS AT LARGE
67	UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION (FOR ACQUISITION MATTERS ON- LY) (SEE #75)
68	SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE
69	POSTMASTER GENERAL
70	CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
71	CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
72	CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
73	FORMER SECRETARIES OF THE SERVICES
74	CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
75	UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY (SEE #67), FOR POLICY, DOD COMPTROLLER, FOR PERSONNEL READINESS
76	RETIRED CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
77	VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
78	CHIEFS OF SERVICES (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT) AND COMMANDANT OF THE U. S. COAST GUARD
79	RETIRED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, CHIEFS OF SERVICES
80	COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, COMBATANT COMMANDS (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT) (NOTE 1): DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE
81	GENERALS OF THE ARMY, FLEET ADMIRALS, GENERALS OF THE AIR FORCE
82	LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS AND ACTING GOVERNORS
83	FOREIGN NON-ACCREDITED PERSONS OF AMBASSADOR RANK
84	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECDEF FOR ACQUISITION
85	SECRETARY GENERAL, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
86	CHAIRMAN, PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
87	HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (NATO, SEATO, and so forth)
88	ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
89	ADMINISTRATOR, NASA
90	ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
91	CHAIRMAN, MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD
92	DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
93	ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
94	CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
95	CHAIRMAN, NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
96	DIRECTOR OF ACTION
97	DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS
98	U.S. AMBASSADORS ON OFFICIAL VISITS IN D.C.
99	CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
100	U.S. AMBASSADORS ON OFFICIAL VISITS IN THE U.S. OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT OF CO- LUMBIA
101	STATE SECRETARY OF STATE (IN OWN STATE)

## VIP code 3: (four-star equivalent)

102	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, FEDERAL DISTRICT
103	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS
104	JUDGES, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, D.C. DISTRICT
105	CARDINALS
106	GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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**Precedence list of civilian and military persons—Continued**

107	GOVERNOR OF U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
108	CHIEF/ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF A STATE SUPREME COURT
109	MAYORS OF MAJOR CITIES (IN OWN CITY) (SEE #166) (CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE)
110	MAYOR OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
111	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
112	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
113	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
114	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY
115	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
116	DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NASA
117	DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
118	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACTION
119	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS
120	DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
121	DEPUTY ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT
122	U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
123	ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE
124	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
125	DIRECTOR, DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
126	ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, GENERAL COUNSEL, INSPECTOR GENERAL, (BY DATE OF APPT); DIRECTOR, DOD OPERATIONAL TESTING AND EVALUATION
127	ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
128	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
129	COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE U.S.
130	JUDGES, COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS
131	MEMBERS, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS
132	ACTIVE OR DESIGNATE U.S. AMBASSADORS
133	ARCHBISHOPS
134	UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE
135	MINISTERS OF CAREER RANK WHEN IN THE U.S.
136	PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
137	VICE CHIEFS OF SERVICES (BY DATE OF APPT)
138	FORMER VICE CHIEFS OF SERVICES (BY DATE OF RETIREMENT)
139	ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE SERVICES (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT) AND SERVICE GENERAL COUNSELS
140	GENERALS AND ADMIRALS (4-STAR RANK)
141	RETIRED GENERAL AND ADMIRALS (4-STAR RANK)
142	DIRECTOR, SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
143	CHIEF OF STAFF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
144	ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
145	THE SPECIAL ASST TO THE SEC/DEPSEC OF DEFENSE
146	ASSISTANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
147	THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECDEF
148	THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEPSECDEF
149	DIRECTOR, OSD ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
150	DIRECTOR, OSD PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

**VIP code: 4 (three-star equivalent)**

151	DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES (DLA, DMA, NSA, DCA; DARPA; OTHER DOD AGENCIES)
152	DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE (NON-STATUTORY); DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE, R&E; PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE; PRINCIPAL DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL (DOD); DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL (DOD); PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COMPTROLLER (DOD); DIRECTOR OF NET ASSESSMENT; DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT; DIRECTOR, SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION (DOD)
153	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE; DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF; SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY (NOTE 2)
154	TREASURER, COMPTROLLER OR AUDITOR OF A STATE
156	LIEUTENANT GENERALS AND VICE ADMIRALS
157	RETIRED LIEUTENANT GENERALS AND VICE ADMIRALS
158	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF A STATE
159	STATE SENATORS (IN THEIR OWN STATES)
160	MEMBERS, DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD
161	CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN RED CROSS
162	BISHOPS OF WASHINGTON

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**Precedence list of civilian and military persons—Continued**

163	PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND PRINCIPAL DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSELS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE
164	PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
165	FORMER U.S. AMBASSADORS
166	CIVILIAN AIDES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
167	MAYORS OF CITIES (IN OWN CITY)(SEE #109) (POPULATIONS OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION)
168	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DELEGATES OR ASSEMBLY OF A STATE
169	TREASURER OF THE U.S.
170	DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
171	CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
172	CHAIRMAN, UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION, INC.
173	DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
174	LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS
175	VICE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
176	STATE REPRESENTATIVE, ASSEMBLYMAN, OR DELEGATE
177	CHAIRMAN, D.C. COUNCIL
178	COUNTY JUDGES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE (COUNTY)
179	DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, DEPT OF STATE
180	SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT
181	COMMISSIONER, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE
182	COMMISSIONER, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
183	DEPUTY ASST SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE; DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSELS (DOD); DEFENSE ADVISOR U.S. MISSION NATO; SECDEF REPS TO INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS; DEPUTY COMPTROLLERS (DOD); ASSISTANT IG (DOD)
184	DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE; ARMY AUDITOR GENERAL (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
185	MEMBERS, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BOARDS
186	COUNSELORS OF EMBASSIES
187	CONSULS GENERAL OF FOREIGN POWERS (LEGATIONS)
188	SES MEMBERS (PC 4)
189	CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CA-1)

**VIP code: 5 (two-star equivalent)**

190	MAJOR GENERALS AND REAR ADMIRALS (UPPER HALF)
191	RETIRED MAJOR GENERALS/REAR ADMIRALS (UPPER HALF)
192	SURGEON GENERAL; DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE U.S.
193	DIRECTOR, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
194	DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSELS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE (BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT)
195	CITY MANAGERS
196	OSD HISTORIAN
197	STATE CHAIR, NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE
198	UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
199	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
200	COUNTY SHERIFFS
201	BOARD PRESIDENT AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
202	SES MEMBERS (PC 5)
203	VICE CHARIMAN, BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CA-2)
204	CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS

**VIP code: 6 (one-star equivalent)**

205	BRIGADIER GENERALS AND REAR ADMIRALS (LOWER HALF)
206	RETIRED BG'S AND REAR ADMIRALS (LOWER HALF)
207	COUNTY CLERKS
208	CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
209	ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL (PUBLIC HEALTH SVC)
210	U.S. CONSULS GENERAL
211	ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF PROTOCOL, DEPT OF STATE
212	SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
213	DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE
214	CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE
215	INDORSING AGENTS FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS
216	ASSISTANT DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE AND PRINCIPAL DIRECTORS
217	CITY ATTORNEYS
218	SES MEMBERS (PC 6)
219	SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL (SP); SENIOR LEVEL (SL) (NOTE 3) MEMBERS, BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CA-3); ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES (AL)
220	USAR AMBASSADORS

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**Precedence list of civilian and military persons—Continued**

**VIP code: 7**

221	COLONELS; CAPTAINS (USN/USCG); GS-15; U.S. CONSULS, MEDICAL DIRECTOR (PUBLIC HEALTH SVC)
222	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
223	CITY CLERKS

**VIP code 8 (not VIP ranked)**

224	GS-14
225	LIEUTENANT COLONELS; COMMANDERS; GS-13
226	MAJORS; LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS; GS-12
227	GS-11
228	CAPTAINS; LIEUTENANTS (USN/USCG); GS-10; U.S. VICE CONSULS
229	FIRST LIEUTENANTS, LIEUTENANTS JUNIOR GRADE; GS-9
230	GS-8
231	SECOND LIEUTENANTS; ENSIGNS; GS-7
232	WARRANT OFFICERS (BY GRADE)
233	MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS; CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS; MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANTS
234	OTHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, CIVILIANS BY RANK

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Commanders-in-Chief/Retired Commanders-in-Chief, CINCs: At multi or Joint service events only. At Army exclusive events, Army CINCs are ranked by date of rank with other Army 4-stars.

<sup>2</sup> The Director of the Army Staff, Sergeant Major of the Army, and other service equivalents: Within the Army, the DAS and SMA are accorded special status. The DAS and SMA have precedence over all other LTGs.

<sup>3</sup> SES precedence is established by position held. SES pay does not affect precedence. For those members not in positions identified above, contact the Army Protocol Office, DSN 227-0692 or the SES Office at DSN 227-3549. For non-Army SES members, contact the members' agency/office for precedence.

<sup>4</sup> Former and retired officials are normally placed after the active serving officials of the same position, unless their precedence is separately listed on the Precedence List. For example, former Presidents of the United States and retired Chief Justices of the Supreme Court are listed separately. The accepted way to rank several of these former officials is by recency in the position. This means that each official is placed ahead of his or her predecessor. There may be reason to do it the other way with the oldest outranking the youngest, but we follow the norm set by the State Department for handling former Presidents. DOD Regulation 4515.13-R, paragraph 33, page xiii, defines *retired military* as those uniformed services members issued a DD Form 2 (gray/blue) or DD Form 2-NOAA (gray/blue) and who are eligible to receive retired or retainer pay from their service. In addition, officers who have been retired for physical disability and who have an identification card with "EROL" (Emergency Retired Officer List) instead of a Service or social security number on the identification card also meet the definition of retired uniformed services members.

<sup>5</sup> State and local officials are difficult to rank. There are no fixed rules, but McCaffree and Innis state in their book that "in planning a seating arrangement, [you] should consider the purpose of the function, the level of all guests, and any political significance." Simply try to apply the basic rules of precedence demonstrated in the preceding list and notes and be consistent.

<sup>6</sup> Sources for the Precedence List. This precedence list is based on the Army Protocol Precedence List, dated September 2000; the Department of Defense Table of Precedence, dated 1 April 1994; Protocol: The Complete Handbook of Diplomatic, Official and Social Usage, revised edition, 1989, by Mary Jane McCaffree and Pauline Innis; and Service Etiquette, 4th edition, 1988, by Oretta D. Swartz. Precedence lists are inherently unofficial and subject to change.